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Ella Bartkoski, Wr O'Riley and Zach Bartkoski carry a shamrock flag and an Irish flag in the Palms St. Patrick's Day Parade last year on Buchanan.

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## Palms celebrates all things Irish

JACKI WOOD

Missourian Reporter

Eighty-seven feet. It may no longer hold a Guinness World Record, but there's plenty of tradition in those 87 feet. For the past 25 years, The Palms Bar and Grill celebrated all things Irish during the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maryville.

"It was just something the patrons and the owner decided to do 25 years ago for fun," Jamie Scott, manager at The Palms, said. "Everyone brings out their best St. Patrick's Day gear and comes in to drink green beer."

This year's parade kicks off at 3:17 p.m. on Saturday, and since it falls on a weekend, Scott said they hope to attract more alumni and community members.

One of those parade-goers includes Jamie Busby, a massage therapist in Maryville, who started attending the parade as a student at Northwest.

"I went mostly for the friends and beer," Busby said. "The atmosphere is crazy fun."

Busby said she still enjoys the tradition today and describes it as a great, big block party.

"The students and the alumni and the community can all get to-

gether to meet up and have a good time and sometimes share a beer with each other to catch up," she said.

Maryville resident and Northwest alumna Sadie Archer also first attended the parade as a student.

"My friends used to follow the end of the parade," Archer said. "They would march at the end, beers in hand, following the truck that cleaned the street with water."

Archer said she also enjoys attending the parade now as a way to kick-start a fun evening with friends.

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# University hosts psychology conference

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Anyone who visited the third floor of J.W. Jones Student Union Friday, March 8 or Saturday, March 9 may have noticed some of the Northwest faculty sporting bright Hawaiian shirts. Easy to spot from far away? That was the plan.

After two years of planning, researching and preparing, the students and faculty of Northwest's psychology, sociology and counseling department reached the day they had been waiting for. The department welcomed the students and professors of 32 other regional schools from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma to campus for the 32nd annual Great Plains Students' Psychology Conference.

"The preparation and student involvement has been ongoing for two years, and faculty involvement and planning has been going on for three years," Dr. Carla Edwards, chair of the psychology, sociology and counseling department, said.

"Students have been involved with planning, organizing, serving as mod-

erators, stuffing bags, getting gifts for presenters, etc. I would say this is a very student-centered conference."

It is the first time in 19 years that Northwest has served as the host for this conference, and though many of the professors who helped with the conference this year were not at Northwest during the last conference, they know it has "grown substantially" from what began as a Kansas-based convention, according to Edwards.

This year's conference reached extended beyond the Midwest with the keynote speaker, Dr. Jeremy Wolfe, professor of ophthalmology, who traveled from Harvard Medical School. His presentation examined visual search and visual interaction with the environment in his keynote address titled, "Is that a Salami in your Carry-on Luggage? The Psychology of Visual Search from the Lab to the Airport."

For Northwest, hosting the conference has many benefits. According to Edwards, the conference brings regional recognition as a strong undergraduate research institution and networking opportunities to the students.

"It is important for student success to be involved in professional level con-

ferences and research," Edwards said. "It builds personal and career skills that they can build on for the future."

Over 30 Northwest students presented research at the conference, many of which were original research pieces according to Edwards. Sports psychology, crisis response and disaster psychology and stress and social interaction among college students were among the topics included in the presentations.

One duo of students who presented on scent recognition and memory, a project they began working on last fall, said that they not only learned more about their research area but they felt more involved with the psychology, sociology and counseling department.

Junior Megananne Peck and senior Rebecca Metz said that they along with becoming more involved with the department, they felt presenting a research project would be a good resume builder. Additionally, the conference provided networking opportunities with universities that offer graduate studies in psychology and sociology. Peck and Metz said that they also en-

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AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN  
Northwest Missouri student explains 'Helping, Behavior, Gender and Wheelchairs' to attendees of the Great Plains Psychology Conference. The conference took place in the JW Jones student union Friday and Saturday, students across Missouri participated in poster presentations, keynote speakers, and a dinner.

## Music department honors professor after 36 years at Northwest

**AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH**

Managing Editor

Sounds of joy and other emotions could be heard on the Northwest campus Sunday as the music department bid farewell to the recently retired Dr. Ernest Woodruff in style.

The retirement concert brought out bittersweet tears and roars of laughter from students and colleagues as members of the Northwest Alumni Band and Wind Symphony played familiar tunes for the former

professor.

"I think it's a wonderful tribute to a man who has done so much for us, and you can tell that he is very well loved and respected," Douglas Overmier, assistant professor in the music department, said.

Woodruff was presented with a plaque of excellence to honor his 36 years at Northwest by members of the faculty and former alumni, including Sam Hansen, who remembered his time with the professor to be something he will always take with him.

"I think it was important to give a guy a little bit of time in the spotlight who normally doesn't get it," Hansen said.

"The thing about Dr. Woodruff is that he won't take credit for anything, but he earned a lot of credit. Thirty-six years in any position, especially in a University where you don't see many people stay that long, I think that is important to recognize."

The concert concluded with tears and hugs throughout the theater as members of the audience and the

band were all on their feet applauding the music professor.

"I was completely overwhelmed to be honest," Woodruff, said. "It was just so much better than I expected. I knew there was going to be a reception, but this was just way beyond any of my wildest imaginations."

Current students and alumni flocked to Woodruff following the performance, sharing stories of years passed and reminding him of the many lessons he had taught them. "The good thing about him is that he

always cared about his students. He treated everyone the same and with a good deal of respect; this was a great opportunity to give him respect," Hansen said.

"The great thing about Dr. Woodruff is that he had the chance to touch so many other educators in music education. He has a great legacy, and his time here will live on with anybody that teaches long after he leaves Northwest. It will have that pay-it-forward principle, and I think that's great."

### Weekend Events March 16, 17 & 18

Spring Break begins	Communities Year 1 (Kearney)	Driving (RAIDD) 2 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
DeLuce Art Gallery: "Obsess"	9 a.m. at Kearney School District	Softball vs. Missouri Western 3 p.m. at Saint Joseph, Mo.
Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Family and Consumer Sciences Week Administration Building	Baseball vs. Central Missouri 2 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field	Residence Halls and Desks close for Spring Break 6 p.m.
Ten Week Grade Check Professional Learning	Safe Spring Break Week: Raising Awareness Involving Distracted	Baseball vs. Central Missouri 1 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Community Service	10 a.m. at Nodaway County Administration Building	Baseball vs. Central Missouri 3:30 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field
Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Greenville, South Carolina	Irish Dinner hosted by Nodaway County Historical Society 11 a.m. at Nodaway County Historical Society Museum	The World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade 5:17 p.m. at 5th Street and Buchanan Street
C-BASE 8 a.m. at Colden Hall	Softball vs. Emporia State 12 p.m. at Emporia, Kan.	Baseball Field
Nodaway County Republican Caucus	Baseball vs. Central Missouri 12 p.m. at Bearcat	Catholic Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Center
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## WARM WEATHER



KIRA NORTROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Judy White of Maryville pushes her grandson, Kyler James, on the swings Wednesday. The family has been out on their farm everyday enjoying the warm weather.

## Community holds forum against underage drinking

## ALEX RASH

News Editor

While 21 years old has been the national minimum drinking age since July 1984, a large number of underage people still participate in alcohol-related activities. The Northwest Missouri Mental Health Task Force held an open forum Tuesday evening for Maryville citizens to openly discuss the issue.

Rhonda Lesley, a member of the task force and a counselor at Northwest's Wellness Services, led the forum. Lesley is also a member of the Substance Abuse Task Force and hopes that open conversation, such as this meeting, will bring much needed changes to Maryville.

"I often think how many are enough," Lesley said. "How many (people) are enough just to be in (drinking-related) accidents, let alone lose their lives."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10,839 people will die in drunken driving crashes this year,

one every 50 minutes.

Sgt. Rick Smail of Maryville Public Safety works with students at Maryville in promoting the D.A.R.E. program. D.A.R.E. is a program that helps give kids skills to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence.

"(In the D.A.R.E. program) up to sixth grade (students) will be making pacts that they will never drink, and by eighth grade we'll lose a third of them, by high school we lose probably half," Smail said. "We drop the ball somewhere in the peer-pressure-heavy age. I don't know what the answer is, how we keep that mentality going with them."

Tim Crowley, who works in Counseling Services at Northwest, encouraged members of the community to get more involved with minors and move toward positive changes that will help prevent underage drinking.

"If we want things different, we have to do things different," Crowley said. "I really believe the time is now."

## Humane Society saves green

## BRENDAN MCKENNA

Missourian Reporter

Pets around the country are often found without homes or caring owners to tend to them, forced to survive on their own with little to no hope that somebody may own and care for them. However, Cindy Nelson, manager of the New Nodaway Human Society's Animal Shelter, is trying her best to find each animal a loving home.

On March 10 the New Nodaway Human Society's Animal Shelter manager, Cindy Nelson, along with members Morgan Smith and Jelyna Price, gathered at Maryville's Hy-Vee. Along with them were Otto and Viper, two dogs from the shelter, greeting customers and urging them to

the animal shelter's table, eager to get customers to participate in the shelter's March "Wear Green, Save Green" deal, which promotes adoptions.

The promotion, running through March 31, gives customers 50 percent off on regular adoption fees at the shelter's location on 829 S. Depot if they arrive at the shelter wearing green for St. Patrick's Day. The shelter's hope to "bring good luck to the shelter animals" will hopefully raise adoption rates for animals such as Viper and Otto.

"Otto's been here since about August 2009, so he's one of our older dogs," says Price.

Along with adoption, the members of the animal shelter encourage college students to volunteer for the shelter to care for the

many animals, numbers that Nelson notes are growing.

"We currently have 70 dogs and 100 cats, so that's quite a bit," says Nelson, "it's Spring, so we get a few more than usual."

The group, through volunteering and adoption, hopes to open the public's eyes to how nice animals can be, and through their current green promotion, the New Nodaway Humane Society's Animal Shelter makes it even easier to receive a new member of the family this spring.

The New Nodaway Humane Society is located on 829 S. Depot. For more information, contact the society through their phone number at 660-562-3333, or visit their website at [www.nodawayhumane-society.org](http://www.nodawayhumane-society.org).

## Legislation to dictate parole, probation

## EMILY DEMAREA

Missourian Reporter

If passed, a new proposed legislation targeting Missouri offenders on probation and parole could shorten sentences.

For offenders already on probation or parole in Missouri, this means if they remain in compliance with terms of their probation, parole, or conditional release, they will receive credits equal to 30 days of time served for every month they are obedient. These credits would reduce the offenders' sentences.

According to the proposal, only certain offenders of Class C and D felonies or drug crimes, who are not on lifetime supervision, may earn the credits. With this, the court may

limit eligibility for offenders of certain felonies.

Additionally, if this legislation is passed, the literature reads that credits already earned may be suspended if the offenders violate their terms.

University police officer Brian Reames said the legislation could be good for Missouri.

"Everything depends on the criminal history," Reames said. "Under these circumstances, however, there's nothing wrong with trial and error."

Chris Cline, communications director for the Missouri Department of Corrections, would not comment on the proposal but did make the following statement:

"Director (George) Lombardi

"Everything depends on the criminal history..."

Brian Reames

is supportive of the overall concepts of the bills. However, we are going to reserve comment until the final version of the bill is approved."

The bill has already been passed by the Missouri Senate, and now stands on the floor of the Missouri House of Representatives. It will be read three times in the House before it is voted for approval or denial.



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

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# GOT THE BODY, HERE'S THE KNOWLEDGE

JENNA ANTHONY MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With spring break a day away, it becomes hard not to ignore the dull, monotone lectures and daydream of endless spring break possibilities. Whether it is spending a week in front of the TV catching up on "Glee" and home-cooked meals, or lounging on the blissful beach letting the sun warm up those Maryville chilled bones, Northwest students will pack up and head out for spring break adventures.

While spending time with friends and having a good time is important, it is also important for students to not forget about personal safety during the break. The popular "Hangover" movies are a great example of exactly what not to do over your spring break; after all, who wants to wake up in an elevator to find they have downgraded to nine fingers?

"Spring break to me means beaches or road trips with friends," freshman Ethan Miller said. "Excluding alcohol and wearing a helmet could make spring brake safer."

Spring break is often pictured as a group of irresponsible college kids in bikinis and speedos getting drunk, inebriated, wasted whatever you choose to call it on a crowded beach, eventually landing themselves in some sort of trouble. While this may be partially true, there are many students who choose to be careful of their actions during the week-long break.

"Only party with people you know, don't go to a strange location by yourself, and use safe drinking practices," freshman Matt Aylware said. "Get information about where you are going, like if there have been any kidnappings in the past couple years, important facts to know."

Going out to clubs and bars is acceptable if you are of age, but it is just as important to be with people you trust and in an area you are comfortable with. For many students, waking up next to Mike Tyson's tiger or in a strange, new country like Beijing would not be the ideal situation, not to mention it could get you in a heap of trouble.

"Be responsible and think about your decisions," campus Health Educator Jennifer Kennymore said. "Know who you are with, and know your resources, such as police and taxi services, ahead of time"

Kennymore also recommends looking at the Centers for Disease Control website if you are traveling out of the country. The CDC provides travelers with important information such as what vaccinations are required or recommended for certain areas, disease outbreaks, or even the best ways to travel with your pets.

"Make sure you are prepared; some places may not have Tylenol or Pepto-Bismol, so it would be a good idea to prepare an emergency kit," Kennymore said.

It doesn't matter if you are going home for spring break or traveling halfway across the world, there are still a few important facts to remember.

"Water safety is an important factor many people forget," Kennymore said. "Most people don't think about sun safety, but there is always a possibility of getting skin cancer from sun exposure."

You should also never rule out the possibility of violence or sexual assault. The best way to prevent this is to know where you are and who you are with. Lastly, practice both safe drinking practices and good sexual health.

"Anytime you are under the influence of alcohol remember, at least in the US, your consent is not given," said Kennymore.

Whether you spend spring break with the three best friends that anyone could have or with family, have fun and enjoy the study break, but remember your safety should come first. Be prepared and stay smart; leaving your schoolwork behind doesn't mean you should leave your common sense behind as well.

"We want students to have a good time, but also come back in one piece," Kennymore said, "Remember, be responsible and also keep in mind what your academic goals are."



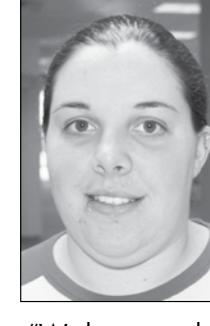
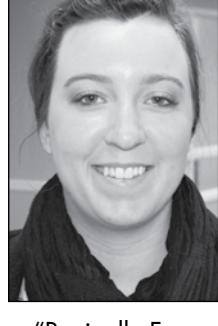


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Students suffer continuous Facebook policy and protection updates in an attempt to further protect its users. The social media giant announced its filing for an initial public offering Feb. 1, which means that its shares will soon be available for buyers, such as businesses seeking a wider consumer base.

## CAMPUS TALK

### Does your freedom of speech extend to social media?



"Basically Facebook and Twitter give people more opportunity for freedom of speech. It's easier for people to say, more than likely, what they wouldn't say out loud."

**Tassi Cook**  
IDM/New Media

"If you're going to say it online, you're saying it in person, just through a keyboard... People take that and use it as a defense to not be held accountable."

**Alex Cathey**  
Clinical Laboratory Science

"We are accountable for the things we tweet and say because it's what we thought, so I mean the things that you put out here you have to be willing to take whatever reaction you get for that."

**Ty Gaddy**  
Marketing and Merchandising

"When someone says something on a social network, you can read it and it's not strong.... I don't think it counts - it's just talk until you take action."

**Dupree Dolor**  
Art Education

"We have to take accountability for our actions. We're adults now, so we definitely need to take accountability for what we're putting out in the universe."

**Hannah Briggs**  
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## No-kill shelters lack adequate funding

**ERIN HARTWIG**  
Contributing Columnist



Euthanizing stray pets that end up in a shelter simply because of overpopulation is wrong. Stray animals ought to be sent to no-kill shelters, so they might have a second chance at life. However, with municipal budget strings tightening, this may not be an option anymore.

In Lynchburg, Va., the humane society is asking the city to increase its funding to \$396,000, more than three times its current budget, by 2015. Even though this is arguably a good cause, Lynchburg isn't obligated to give its humane society the necessary funding. The city is currently facing an \$8 million deficit in its budget.

To put in perspective how much no-kill shelters cost, the humane society in Kansas City, Kan., spends \$17,000 each month

to care for and find homes for its pets. Since the Humane Society of Greater Kansas City takes such an active role in rehoming its pets, euthanasia rates were cut from 71 percent five years ago to less than 1 percent today. Unfortunately, this animal shelter is one of the exceptions, not the rule. Around 4 million shelter animals are euthanized yearly. This is a rate of about 50 percent.

What does this mean in the big picture? Obviously, not all shelter pets will get new homes. Many cities, such as Lynchburg, are finding it difficult to keep their shelters from euthanizing the overpopulation of animals. In some cases, the cities' options are to keep their shelter pets alive or pay the police and firefighters.

How can the number of shelter animals be increased so more perfectly adoptable pets can get their second chance? The first step is prevention. When Bob Barker hosted the hit CBS show, "The Price is Right," he always pro-

moted having your pets spayed or neutered. It is a simple solution; however, it gets costly quickly. If you can't afford it, you can sometimes have your adopted pet fixed for nothing. If we prevent our pets from reproducing, there won't be as much of an overpopulation problem in shelters.

Another issue that comes with animal shelters is the fact that some pets run away and can be euthanized if they aren't found in time. Responsible pet owners ought to have some sort of identification on their dog. Whether it be a name and phone number to call on a tag, or a microchip implanted under the animal's skin, identification is a must. This is a cheap way to ensure your pet stays safe.

We can also band together to make a change. With funding from donations, shelters can run with minimal city funding. This way, every shelter pet can have the second chance at life it deserves.

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Second, I feel we have taken the easy way out with some of the department reorganizations and leadership positions. I don't feel Northwest has practiced fair deliberation in choosing new leadership. I feel we have neglected some faculty who push others to succeed and work for the best of the group by trying to keep others happy. As a student, it looks as though we are reinforcing the wrong behaviors. I don't see faculty and staff being rewarded for years of hard work or support they provide others.

Third, we as students still feel uneasy as to other decisions that might be made. Will student employee jobs be cut? Will graduate assistantships be cut? Will tuition eventually be raised? I feel we have chosen the easy decisions to make first by cutting staff, combin-

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Another MBA student (in her words) feels, "Some decisions have nothing to do with budget cuts, but simply about cutting people due to personal reasons." It is comments like these that have created a dismal environment of uncertainty and disappointment. The lack of a clear agenda and transparency is only fostering these thoughts among many students, faculty and staff.

I feel if we continue with this process and the decisions we are making, more faculty and staff will be eliminated, tuition will have to increase (just look at the national budget cuts in education), and in the end we may lose great teachers who make an impact on students' lives.

I believe in what Northwest stands for and the education I receive, but right now I am simply discouraged.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR: BUDGET CUTS FOUND TROUBLING

### MEGAN BENWARE

As a student working toward my Masters in Business Administration, I am disappointed at how our prestigious University is, and has been, handling this budget cut. Our mission statement says Northwest focuses on student success "every student, every day," but we aren't actually practicing what we preach. We are talking the talk but severely failing to walk the walk. It is disappointing and ironic, the lack of concern and respect management is displaying based on what I have learned as a business student. The process is all wrong.

First, of the original 20 staff eliminated, 19 were women, and some were close to retirement. Are we being discriminatory or justifying the decisions based on eliminating more positions occupied by women? I also know some of the staff "informed individually prior to a campus-wide announcement that was made around noon Feb. 16, 2012" were told barely hours in advance. How is it fair to give them little notice, on the same day, in the

middle of the week, and not give them the rest of the day off? I understand crisis management and how the media should be informed, but aren't our employees a bit more important than controlling how the information is released? This is poor employee relations.

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## OUR VIEW: FREEDOM OF SPEECH

# Language evolves through web

We entered a new age when the burgeoning group Anonymous first thrust itself into the public light and created its infamy through a series of website hacks in 2008. This age either blurs or eliminates the line between the validity of spoken and written word. Here, athletes and celebrities make public apologies for offensive statements, all from their smartphones, while angst-filled teens post their suicide notes on Facebook.

This tenuous period of change frustrates a culture of organized thinkers. We demand boundaries for what we can and cannot say in which medium, at what time and to which people. We want to know if our freedom of speech, protected under the First Amendment, extends through

our fingertips to our blogs and tweets. That distinction depends on how we differentiate spoken from written word – a distinction now even more pressing given the ease and nearly universal use of social media.

We forget that our language is defined on the cultural representation each word has in our collective cognition. We ascribe contextual meaning based on an unmeasured norm, and for some reason we struggle when that norm is scrutinized and stretched as if it weren't a malleable, amorphous and organic standard.

So when a clandestine hacktivist group with subversive goals throws our Web 2.0-enlightened freedom of speech in the defendant's chair, why are we surprised? These circum-

stances merely mark our linguistic evolution, which requires growing pains. When we struggle for consensus in defining the state of our freedom of speech, we are attempting to quantify the unquantifiable: an evolutionary process, which, for the record, has been grown, not marred, through discussion over Anonymous and other threats made using social media.

Freedom of speech is not reported by census data. All we have are millions of public examples of it on computer screens around the world. Time, along with precedent-setting court cases, will tell how accountable our words are on our beloved websites. Until then, enjoy the headlines and remember that this is a process.

## INTERCULTURAL COLUMN:

### Respect the country you visit over spring break by fixing your own faults and weaknesses

**STEVE BRYANT**  
Director of Intercultural Affairs

As we approach spring break, people are starting to get excited about traveling to a new place for some much-needed relaxation. The opportunities to immerse yourself in a new culture and try new experiences are some of the best ways to explore your intercultural self. Prior to doing so, you must prepare yourself mentally for the new diversity that you will experience.

Keep your mind open to new ideas and ways of doing things. Your way is not the only way. It is tough for us to accept these multiple truths, but it is crucial.

If you are going out of the country, make sure you take the time to experience the true culture of your destination. Staying on-site at a resort, which tends to be Americanized, will not give you the full experience of a new culture. Eat at a truly authentic restaurant, experience some local entertainment and have conversations with local people. These experiences will help you grow and develop in your ability to communicate across differences.

The truth is, we live in a global society, and we are constantly becoming more diverse. Gaining the ability to communicate effectively with others different from you will make you more marketable to employers and will continue to help make the world a better place.

The trick of making your trip successful and having diverse experiences is to pay attention to how you show up in your conversations and interactions. We do not have control over anyone else except for ourselves.

The best way to interact with others is to start with the end in mind. I take this tip from Dr. Maure Cullen, a well-known and admired diversity educator. Let us say you are traveling to a tropical island in the Caribbean. Chances are that you have already booked a

flight, have a hotel room reserved and have your itineraries printed out or saved on your computer. You know what each destination in your travels will be and how you are going to get there. This is the approach that we need to use when communicating through differences: start with the end in mind.

On your trip, chances are you will need something, and the only way to get it is to communicate with someone different from you. This could be at your hotel, a restaurant or any other location. During this conversation, start with the end in mind. So you are ordering food, and the server does not speak your language well or even at all. You know that you want food and you probably know what you want to eat. Be patient, expect that you may have a few bumps and make sure to be courteous. If the food does not come out exactly how you were trying to order it, recognize that you are part of the problem. You may not have asked the right question, or you may not know norms of the area or region you are in. Remember, you only have control over how you show up in the world. If you start with the end in mind, work to have conversations across differences, own your mistakes along the way and educate yourself, you will continue to become actively engaged and interculturally competent.

Now, if you are like me, you will be at home during this week. This also is an opportunity to experience diversity and open your mind to new things. Read a book about cultural issues, take the time to learn current challenges facing others or have an authentic conversation with friends about difference. No matter where you are over break, make sure to start with the end in mind, have difficult conversations and pay attention to how you show up in the world. If we spend more time focusing on how we approach the world, we can all make the world a better place for everyone.

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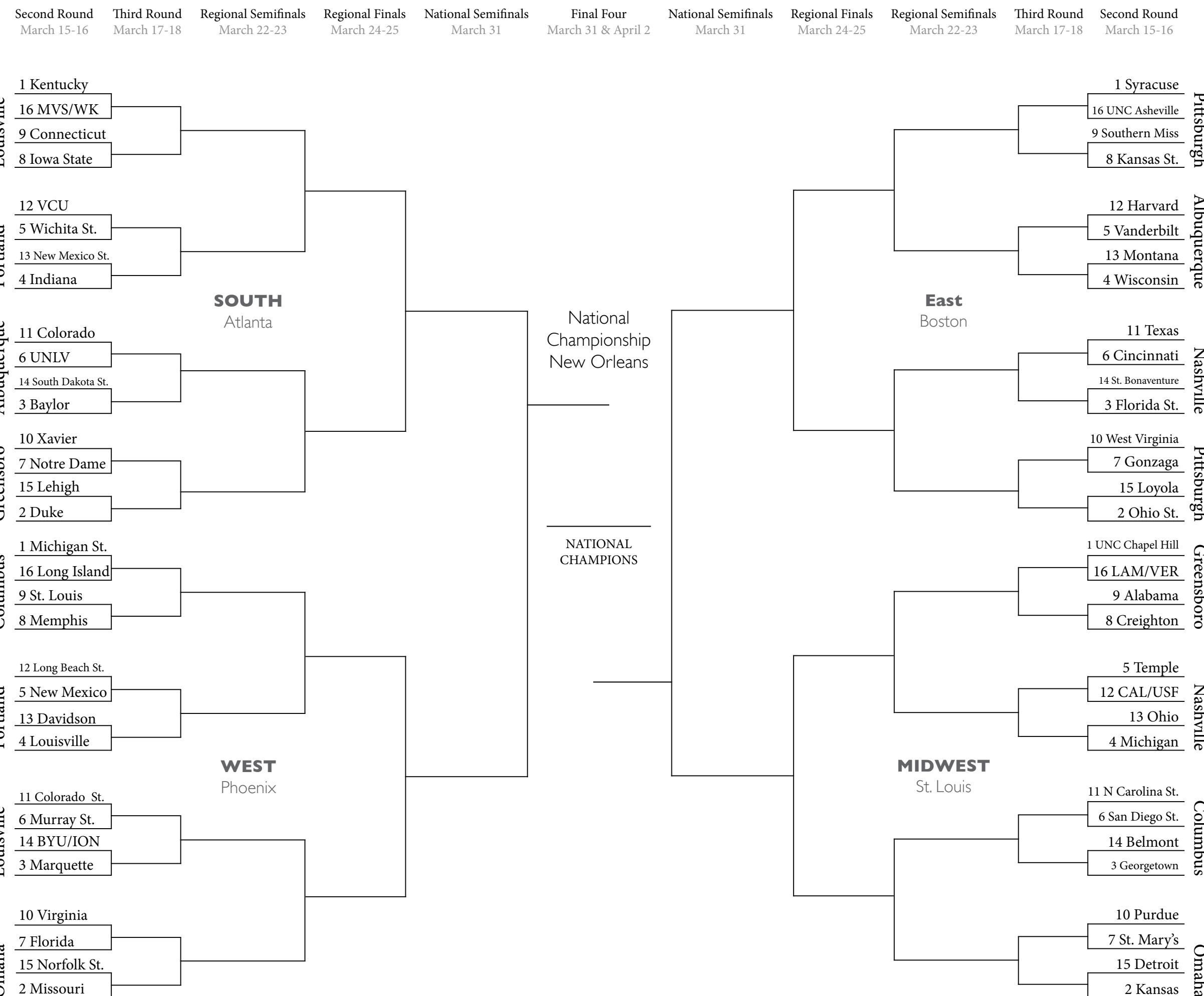
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## GREEK WEEK - ZEUS AND HERA



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Kristen Renfeld and Kyla Kirksey of Sigma Sigma Sigma perform a skit of "Wayne's World", Greek style, during Zeus and Hera Thursday. Kirksey got the award of Greek Weeks Hera on Monday at Greek Awards in the Ron Houston Center for the Preforming Arts. Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Kappa won the overall Greek Week award. Phi Sigma Kappa and Alpha Sigma Alpha took home the award for best fraternity and sorority.

## CONFERENCE

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joyed learning about other students' projects."

Peck and Metz were awarded second place for their presentation "Effect of Scent on Memory Recognition" along with fellow group members Alisha Blake and Echo Blake.

Three departmental organizations, including Social Sciences Research Group, Psi Chi, the department honors club, and the Psychology/Sociology Society, were also involved in planning and preparing for the conference.

"A majority of the projects are done as part of the Social Sciences Research Group club," Edwards said. "They are done independently and outside of classwork, which means that students are putting in a lot of hours and a lot of work outside of their classroom and required activities to participate."

The primary faculty planners for the conference, Rebecca Hendrix and Alisha Francis, were not only happy to see the time finally come after three years of preparation but were excited about the positive experience that the students

had through helping to plan for the conference and preparing presentations for it.

"Students don't have the same opportunities to develop leadership skills if they just attend a conference but getting to help plan one gives them those opportunities," Hendrix said.

In addition to opportunities to develop leadership skills, students were able to learn how to conduct research and apply it to a concept or idea.

"Research application and high-engagement learning experiences, present students with learning opportunities where they are not a passing consumer of knowledge, but they interact with others," Francis said.

A total of eight awards were given to Northwest student groups who presented at the conference. Four earned first place, including "The Effects of Grading - Pen Color on College Students' Perceptions of Teacher Feedback" and "Helping Behavior, Gender and Wheelchairs," and four earned second place recognition, including "Correlating Diversity with Team Success using the 2010-2011 NBA Season" and "College Students' Preferences Towards Professors with Accents".

## PARADE

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"To me, it feels like the beginning of a great party with a hundred of your friends," Archer said.

The event involves more than just the parade and block party atmosphere, Scott said, including a queen contest and honoring a grand marshal each year.

Nicole Lujutic, a Northwest graduate who also played volleyball for the Bearcats, won the queen contest this year, and LD Young will serve as the grand marshal, whom Scott described as a "regular, local guy who is nice to everyone."

In the past, Loch Sand and Construction provided a cement truck with green water that sprayed the street at the conclusion of the event. Because of increasing gas prices, Scott said they will not participate this year, but she hopes to find someone else to help continue that tradition.

The parade runs along North Buchanan between Fourth and Fifth streets in Maryville.

## CAB

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Participating students were asked Northwest trivia questions along the ride, and were awarded prizes for correct answers.

Abbey Riley is the coordinator of first-year residential experience at the University. According to Riley, questions asked on the "Bearcat Cab" included Northwest trivia, academic support resources on campus and Bearcat sports throughout history.

Riley said along with a free ride to class, students received candy for correctly answering trivia questions.

Although students were awarded for answering questions correctly, they were also penalized for incorrect answers.

"Once they missed trivia, we stopped the golf cart and helped them off and then picked up someone else to give them a ride," Riley said.

According to Mollenhour, this event was not only fun for students, it was also beneficial.

"A lot of the people were surprised about how much they knew about their campus," Mollenhour said. "They all just had a good time and were really thankful for a ride."

Mollenhour said she'd like the ARCH program to continue this event in the future at least once every semester.

## APPEALS

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The four cases that will be heard involve appeals of criminal convictions, including a murder conviction and the reckless spreading of HIV. Each of the two convicted persons is appealing his case on the basis of inadequate counsel, or the belief that he was not properly represented and defended by his lawyer. A case concerning a dispute over assets from a divorce and a workplace injury case involving the city of St. Joseph will also be heard at Monday's event.

The judges will take time to explain the process of appellate court, what is occurring and allow students and other audience members to ask questions concerning the process. The judges will not be able to answer questions concerning the specifics of the case however.

"The lawyers that come will have prepared written briefs that outline the facts and the legal issues involved in the case, so you'll see the judges asking the lawyers questions about the strengths and weaknesses of their cases," Fischer said. "It allows us to bring up things that they did not think about or case decisions that have been handed down since they filed their brief. They call it an argument, but it is more of a discussion with the court."

Assistant professor of political science Daniel E. Smith has worked with the students of pre-law and political science clubs on campus and the clerk of the court to prepare for this event each year that it has been hosted at Northwest.

"The judiciary is, in a lot of ways, the mystery branch of the government, and they (the state's court system) decided it would be nice to get out into the communities and especially the colleges to let people see what the process is like," Smith said.

"The students get to see something very different than they are expecting. It is essentially legal arguments provided by attorneys and by judges, and you really get to see one part of government in action that you don't get to see very often."

Smith explained that the event is for everyone, not just those who are studying political science or law.

"Political issues in this country become legal issues. They become legal issues sometimes because of the nature of the conflict and sometimes because they are personalized," Smith said. "Two of these cases deal with the right to an attorney, and we can talk about the Constitution gives you a right to an attorney, but you really see it when someone is getting put away for most of their life, if not all of it, and they're claiming they were denied a chance to represent themselves. When you see that in action, it gives you an idea of how important the rights are, and I like to think that it raises peoples' interest in government in general and the judiciary also."

Smith continued to explain how having judges hold an appellate court in the community allows people to find out more about how the justice system works and how it affects every citizen of this country.

"Large numbers of people are going to be at the court system at some point, and something that will come across very clearly is that the system lets you be heard," Smith said. "Even when it is not out in the community like it is here, their sessions are open. Justice is delivered openly, publicly and carefully. Hopefully, people see that."

"People think that the law is really complicated and way over your head, but your average student, never having paid attention to this stuff before, just listening to the different sides, will know what the issues are. I think that is valuable too. Just having that level of exposure is accessible to everybody."

*"I don't think (being flagged) should restrain you from having an opinion, you just have to be smart about your word choice."*

Kelly Brock

phrases on social media in order to identify emerging threats.

While there may be good intentions at hand, some people still worry that it will infringe on their constitutional rights to speak freely and will possibly make targets of individuals who speak out against the government.

"If you say the wrong things about the wrong people then you are bound to be flagged or something like that," Brock said. "But I don't think that should restrain you from having an opinion, you just have to be smart about your word choice."

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## Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

March 6

There is an ongoing investigation of robbery at 400 block West Sixth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 1600 block North Main.

March 5

Scott M. Every, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

A grass fire was reported at 26000 Lakeview Drive.

March 4

Alexander M. Sullivan, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with possession of

35 grams or less of marijuana at 1100 block North College Drive.

March 1

A fire and vehicle extrication was reported at Liberty Road and U.S.

Highway 136.

Feb. 19

A grass fire was reported at 27000 block Rolling Hills Drive.

# THE STROLLER: Your man says dorms are no place for kids

Someone in my family thought it would be a good idea to have my nephew come and visit me in college. My first thought after my kiddie-sized kin cruised into my dorm room on his light-up Heelys was "This is going to be good."

Not in a Michael Jackson kind of way (although his book on parenting, "The Ins and Outs of Child Rearing," was a good read. But we're just going to reach around the ams of that misguided celebrity and move on. Seriously, no more little cracks about Michael Jackson), but more in a "You have much to learn, young Padawan" kind of way. Ugh, did I just say "Padawan" out loud?

Walking down the hallway of my dorm was a parental control disaster. I never noticed before, but apparently college males use inappropriate language and lewd anatomical references. No sooner could I yell "Young ears!" than my potty-mouthed neighbors were using words that would make an 18th century sailor blush. Soon, my pint-sized pal was all like "What's that mean? What's that mean?"

No junior, you can't have some of that guy's "Sprite" in his red cup. Sorry, I cannot teach you how to Dougie. The Bearcat Clap is actually not a special cheer we do at football games. Yes, all those guys and girls had a slumber party in that room last night. I'm sure they went to sleep at a respectable hour after watching "Jimmy Neutron."

But the kid still has a lot to learn, so I invited him to join me and a few friends on our spring break trip across the border. That ought to really "broaden his horizons," if you know what I mean. And by "broaden his horizons," I of course am implying that the journey to a foreign nation will enlighten his perceptions of our neighboring people and sharpen his awareness of the cultural traits of our own nation. Yeah, it's going to be one crazy party.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*

# Jason Segel, Mark Duplass talk new movie

BEN LAWSON

Features Editor

The Missourian had the opportunity to speak with Jason Segel ("How I Met Your Mother") and Mark Duplass ("Cyrus") about their new movie "Jeff, Who Lives at Home," which opens March 16.

Segel stars as Jeff, a shut-in who lives in his mom's basement. The film takes place over the course of one day as Jeff is forced out on an adventure with his brother, played by Ed Helms ("The Hangover"), to track his adulterous wife. Mark and his brother, Jay Duplass, directed and wrote the film.

Segel said Mark and Jay asked the actors to bring improvisation on set to give the characters a feeling of realism.

"The way that improvisation works is less in terms of going on runs at the end of shooting to get jokes, but every single line of dialogue, every single moment is improvised to a certain extent," Mark said. "That doesn't mean that the script changes drastically, but we are asking our actors to be in the moment and throw surprises in, and I think a good example of something like that is the way that the film opens—it's sort of like a monologue from Jeff."

Mark says the actors weren't asked to improvise for comedy but for the dramatic aspects of their characters as well. This was a new experience for many of the actors, even longtime actress Susan Sarandon ("Thelma and Louise"), said Duplass.

"She was just so gracious, and in particular with regards to improvisation, she was very humble in saying, 'You know I haven't done this a lot before, I know that you guys have, and I'm interested in exploring,'" Mark said. "She kind of placed herself in a position, as crazy as this sounds, like she was learning from us a little bit about this comedic improvisation process."

Mark said getting a good performance out of the actors is the most important thing for him and Jay. He feels it is their primary goal, and all other aspects of film-making are secondary to them.



Submitted by Paramount Pictures

Left to right: Jason Segel and Ed Helms in "Jeff, Who Lives at Home." Segel plays Jeff, a shut-in who is forced out of his basement home to follow his brother's cheating wife.

"I think that the one thing I can attribute to it is that Jay and I are just obsessed with the performance, and if you work with us as an actor, you know you'll quickly figure out that we don't give a shit what the lighting looks like, and we don't give a shit whether the camera moves in this cool way," Mark said. "We just want to get the story across, and we're going to be right up in your face."

Segel agrees the Duplass brothers gave him a good character to work with. He says there wasn't a lot of work left on his character when he first saw a script for the film.

"So then when you go to the improvising, it was so simple because the character is—I mean I know there's a lot of complexity to him, but what I loved was that it was so simple, at least in my mind," Segel said. "You just show up and be really regular."

And so I think that's what really drew me to it and then the story I think is—it's just unbelievable."

Segel says he identifies with Jeff's sense of loss from a time when he was out of work as an actor. Segel draws a parallel between Jeff waiting for a sign about his life to him waiting to get cast as an actor and smoking a "fair amount" of pot.

"I think I related back to this time where you're kind of bopping around, and you have a sense that your destiny is do something," Segel said. "Mine was to be an actor, but I was kind of waiting for the world to present that opportunity to me. And so I was able to relate back to that period."

Segel says "Jeff, Who Lives at Home" is one of the first movies he has done recently that he hasn't been a part of the writing or directing.

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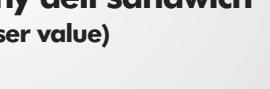
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**BASEBALL**

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Emporia State totaled 18 hits in the game for the 16-3 win over the Bearcats.

Swain hit two solo home runs in the loss, going 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Northwest turned their fortune around in Saturday's second game with junior Chase Anderson getting the start in the last game of the series.

Taking a scoreless game into the fifth inning, sophomore outfielder Ryan Abernathy got the Bearcats on the board hitting a double, scoring

junior outfielders Jon Pomatto and Jake Kretzer. The 'Cats rallied another run from a junior Cameron Bedard single, giving them the 3-0 lead that came from four hits.

The Hornets stayed alive in their next at bat, scoring two runs on two hits.

Kretzer's two-run homer in the sixth, followed by Swain's homer in the seventh, was enough to power Northwest over Emporia State and earn their first victory of the series, 10-6.

Swain hit four home runs on the weekend, giving him six on the season and the team lead.

"When pitchers try to pitch around Eric, he stays disciplined

and doesn't expand his zone," Loe said. "Once teams get in the situation where they can't pitch around him anymore, he's able to put a good swing on quite a few balls like he did this weekend."

The Bearcats (5-11, 4-4 MIAA) face off in a four-game conference matchup against Central Missouri starting at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Bearcat Field.

"We're excited to get back home," Loe said. "It's tough when you're on the road for the first 16 games of the season where the opponent gets the last at bat and sometimes the walk-off home run. We are now in the position to have our own type of walk-off home run."

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**NW BASEBALL**

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Mo. Southern.....	15-1	8-0
Central Mo.....	11-1	7-1
Southwest Baptist.....	11-3-1	6-2
Pitt. State.....	8-5	6-2
Emporia State.....	9-4	5-3
NORTHWEST.....	5-11	4-4
Mo. Western.....	8-6	1-3
Washburn.....	2-3	0-0
Fort Hays.....	2-6	1-3
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-14	1-7
Truman.....	1-11	0-8

**March 16:**  
Central Mo. at NORTHWEST  
Washburn at Truman  
Mo. Southern at Mo. Western

**March 17:**  
Central Mo. at NORTHWEST  
Pitt. State at Emporia State  
Central Okla. at S.W. Baptist

**MHS BASEBALL**

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Cameron.....	0-0	0-0
Savannah.....	0-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	0-0	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	0-0	0-0
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0
Benton.....	0-0	0-0
Chillicothe.....	0-0	0-0
LeBlond.....	0-0	0-0

**March 19:**  
Bishop LeBlond at Benton  
**March 20:**  
Maryville at Savannah  
**March 21:**  
Chillicothe at Savannah

**NW SOFTBALL**

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Mo. Western.....	19-4	4-0
Emporia St.....	12-6	4-0
Fort Hays.....	14-6	2-0
NORTHWEST.....	9-9	2-0
Truman.....	10-11	1-1
Lincoln (Mo.).....	5-13	1-3
Pitt. State.....	7-16	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	5-16	0-0
Washburn.....	3-11	0-2
Central Mo.....	9-11	0-4
Southwest Baptist.....	3-11	0-4

**March 16:**  
NORTHWEST at Mo. Western  
Truman at Emporia St.  
**March 17:**  
Central Mo. at Washburn  
Southwest Baptist at Fort Hays  
Lincoln (Mo.) at Northeastern St.  
NORTHWEST at Emporia St.

**MHS GIRLS' SOCCER**

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0
Cameron.....	0-0	0-0
Benton.....	0-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	0-0	0-0
Savannah.....	0-0	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	0-0	0-0
Chillicothe.....	0-0	0-0
LeBlond.....	0-0	0-0

**March 16:**  
Smithville at Excelsior Springs  
**March 20:**  
Cameron at MARYVILLE  
Benton at Schlage

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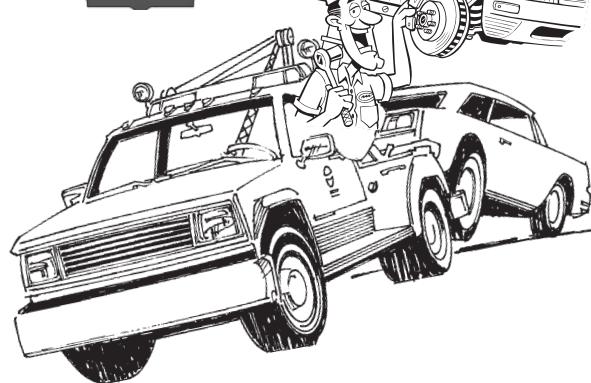
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# Baseball avoids sweep in game 4

**CRAIG SIMS**  
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest baseball team kept their conference record even at 4-4 despite dropping three out of four to Emporia State over the weekend.

On Friday the Bearcats and 16th ranked Hornets played a double-header, with senior pitcher Chris Green getting the start on the mound in game one.

Emporia State unleashed their scoring ability in the fourth inning with five runs that came on the strength of a Hornet's grand slam.

The 'Cats started to rally in their last at bat, scoring three runs that came from sophomore third baseman Eric McGlaughlin, sophomore designated hitter Cole Mapes and junior catcher Travis Green.

That would be all Northwest could muster as Emporia would get the 8-3 victory.

Chris Green was credited the

"We're excited to get back home. It's tough when you're on the road the first 16 games."

Darin Loe

loss, his first of the season.

"The Emporia State hitters had a good approach against Chris," head coach Darin Loe said. "Chris battled, but they got his pitch count up. I know he will be ready to go in his next start."

Game No. 2 of Friday's double-header saw junior Jace Anderson get the start, looking for his first win of the season.

Junior shortstop Eric Swain got the offense going with a two-run homer that highlighted a four-run



FILE PHOTO | NWMISSOURIAN

Junior, outfielder Jake Kretzer drives the ball back up the middle in a game last season. He drove in four runs last weekend.

second inning for the Bearcats.

The 'Cats held a 6-5 lead until the bottom of the ninth when the Hornets belted a three-run, walk-off home run to end the game, giving Emporia four runs in the inning and the 9-6 victory.

"When you face a good team like Emporia, you can't make some of the mistakes that we did," Loe said. "We have to be a little sharper on the mound and continue hitting."

On Saturday Northwest and Emporia State played another dou-

bleheader to finish the series.

The Hornets wasted little time getting on the boards in game No. 1 as they scored seven runs in the first inning and six in the second inning.

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## NORTHWEST MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Junior guard Bryston Williams looks for an open teammate against Pittsburg State during the MIAA tournament. Williams and the Bearcats lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at the South Central Regional in Wichita Falls, Texas to conference foe Washburn, 59-50. The 'Cats swept the Ichabods during the regular season. Northwest finished the year 22-7, while winning a share of the MIAA regular season title in head coach Ben McCollum's third season.

## Wrestling club finishes in 2nd place

**DALTON VITT**  
Chief Reporter

Following its Southwest Conference Championship, the Northwest wrestling club headed to Nationals, seeking their second straight title.

The Bearcats were not able to repeat, but did come up with a second place finish.

Club president Jordan Peter said his team had to be happy about finishing second, but was not completely satisfied with the ending to the season.

"It sounds pretty selfish to not be happy with a second place finish," Peter said. "We were pretty happy as a team, but you always wanna finish in first."

"We're one of the best teams in our division, so we always feel like we should be at the very top. Coming in second, were we expecting first? Yeah. But you can't really complain about second place, especially at a national tournament."

No Bearcat wrestlers placed in the tournament.

However, senior Danny Apgar and sophomore Travis Peter were one match away from placing.

From the start of the year to the end, Peter said the team made drastic improvements.

"I think we improved tremendously. We started with 40 guys, some of them not even knowing how to wrestle...Little-by-little, day-by-day, the improvements they made were really great."

Peter said that Apgar and Travis Peter were the most improved members of the team from the beginning of the season.

"Last year, Danny went 0-2 in Nationals and Travis went 1-2 in Nationals," Peter said. "They both went either 3-2 or 4-2 this year at the Tournament. Improving by two or three wins is tremendous on a national level."

"We also had some freshmen from the beginning of the year who didn't know if they could stick it out all year or how they would do, but they ended up as national qualifiers for us, and that was really awesome."

Northwest will lose five se-

"It sounds pretty selfish not to be happy with second place."

Jordan Peter

niors in the offseason, including Jordan Peter, who finished the season at 12-4.

The Bearcats will also lose Apgar, Cody Ford, Preston Reeves and Adam McElberry.

"I think it'll be a weird transition for me, I mean, I've been a part of the club for three years," Peter said. "I'll still be around, but just not as much as I was this year."

"It'll be a different transition for them, but I think they'll get used to it and they'll learn from their mistakes that they're going to make as I did and as other seniors on the team did when we were younger. They'll learn from their mistakes and they'll become a better club."

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



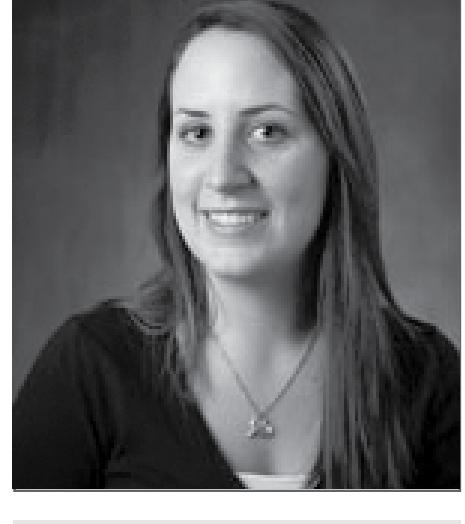
## BEARCATS

### Eric Swain



Junior shortstop Eric Swain hit four home runs and drove in five runs against Emporia State over the weekend. Swain went 6-of-13, to help the 'Cats win 1 of 4 games.

### Kristen Uthe



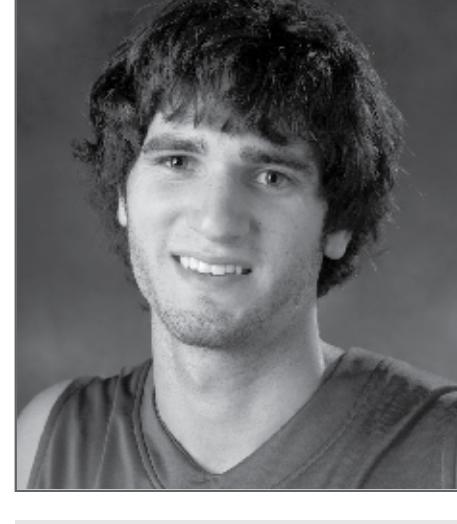
Junior third baseman Kristen Uthe drove in seven runs and hit a homer over the weekend while going 6-of-15 against Lincoln (Mo.) and Lindenwood.

### Jake Kretzer



Junior outfielder Jake Kretzer went 6-for-15 against Emporia State over the weekend and drove in four runs and hit a homer as the Bearcats lost 3-of-4 to the Hornets.

### Jake Reinders



Senior forward Jake Reinders turned in a double-double in his last collegiate contest. He scored 14 points and hauled in 11 rebounds in the 'Cats 59-50 loss in the NCAA tourney.

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## MICHIGAN STATE

DALTON VITT

### Most Outstanding Player: Draymond Green

The senior forward will use his experience and size to lead the best team from the best conference to a national title. Green utilizes his size as a hybrid-forward to impose his will on smaller defenders. Green is the leading scorer and rebounder for the Spartans, and his four years of experience will put them over the top.

### Cinderella: Long Beach State

The 49ers played a rocky non-conference schedule, giving them some early tests. Senior guard Casper Ware leads the way for Long Beach, putting up 17.4 points per game to go along with 3.3 assists. They could potentially play Louisville in the second round, a very inconsistent team with little experience. Look for Long Beach to make it at least to a Sweet Sixteen matchup with Michigan State.

### Most Intriguing Matchup: Kentucky vs Indiana

The Wildcats and Hoosiers played a thriller earlier in the year at Assembly Hall as Indiana pulled out a one-point win on a buzzer-beating three. Kentucky will be looking for revenge this time around, giving them the extra motivation a young team might need. If Anthony Davis can control Cody Zeller inside, the Wildcats could gain a ton of momentum. The winner of this game will represent the South region in the Final Four.

FINAL FOUR : KENTUCKY, OHIO STATE, MICHIGAN STATE, NORTH CAROLINA

## KENTUCKY

JASON LAWRENCE

### Most Outstanding Player: Anthony Davis

This was a toss-up between him and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, but Davis is probably the National Player of the Year and the best player on John Calipari's best team since Marcus Camby was eligible, so this is the safe pick. He's an absolute monster, and a shoo-in for the No. 1 pick in the NBA Draft, albeit in a weak SEC. This team has enough talent to almost just show up and win, if it comes down to it.

### Cinderella: Murray State

While it's hard to call a team with 30 wins a Cinderella, the Racers got the shaft on their seeding and make this an easy call. They were ranked for most of the season and beat tournament teams Memphis, St. Mary's and Southern Mississippi, but because of their conference affiliation, got no love. Not to mention Isaiah Canaan can flat out ball with the best of them.

### Most Intriguing Matchup: Florida vs Missouri

When Mizzou transitions to the SEC, they will play a very similar style to the Gators. Brad Beal and Kenny Boynton like to run and gun, and Patric Young will be a matchup nightmare for the Tigers, who struggle with athletic big men. Follow this one up with a potential Mizzou – Murray State matchup and you're in scoring heaven.

FINAL FOUR : KENTUCKY, OHIO STATE, MISSOURI, NORTH CAROLINA

## NORTH CAROLINA

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

### Most Outstanding Player: Harrison Barnes

One through eight, North Carolina has the most pure talent in the nation. They made it to the Final Four last season and have a chance to do the same this season. To do it, they will need Barnes to step up and be the force he can be. Barnes seems to be able to score anytime he wants, but gets complacent and defers to other players at times.

### Cinderella: Xavier

Xavier started off the season 8-0, including a win over SEC tournament champion Vanderbilt, but after their brawl with Cincinnati, their season spiraled down. They had to deal with suspensions and scrutiny which seemed to affect them. Late in the season things started to roll for the Musketeers. With one of the top guards in the nation in Tu Holloway, they can shake things up.

### Most Intriguing Matchup: North Carolina vs Creighton

This matchup features two of the country's top players in Harrison Barnes and Doug McDermott. They were teammates at Ames High School and were part of two state championship teams. Barnes was widely referred to as the No. 1 recruit in the nation, while McDermott flew under the radar. Two years later, McDermott is up for the NCAA Player of the Year while most, Barnes has underachieved.

FINAL FOUR : DUKE, MICHIGAN STATE, OHIO STATE, NORTH CAROLINA

# Offense leads Bearcats during successful home stand

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The Northwest softball team could describe their performance through their first 20 games as inconsistent.

After a rough weekend in Joplin a couple of weeks ago, the 'Cats responded well on their six-game home stand. They went 5-1 and outscored their opponents a combined 42 to 26.

"It was really nice to get to stay at home a bit," head coach Ryan Anderson said. "Riding the bus for those first four weeks really gets old."

Northwest opened the weekend as well as conference play against Lincoln, Mo. on Friday with a double header. The game was dominated on the mound as the Blue Lions failed to plate a run.

Junior Jenna Creger pitched in the first game. It was her third win on the season and second shutout.

Junior Morgan Brunmeier tossed her first shutout of the season and also reached three wins with the outing.

The 'Cats took on the Lindenwood Lions the next day. After winning the first game in extra innings, they suffered their only loss of the home stand.

"We really did not play all that well on Saturday," Anderson said. "We were really lucky to sneak away with a win."

Northwest concluded their home stand Tuesday against Wayne State. They won both games, outscoring the Wildcats 20-11.

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Junior pitcher Jenna Creger slings the ball toward home plate during the game against Lindenwood on Saturday. The Bearcats came away with a 7-6 win in eight innings after seven innings from Creger.

Juniors Kayli Schurman and Kristen Uthe led the way at the plate.

Uthe's three-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning extended the 'Cats lead to 7-4 and all but put the Wildcats away.

Schurman stepped up to the plate behind her and belted her third home run of the double header.

"I think Kristen hitting in front of me really helps me," Schurman said. "I have a lot of confidence in her as a hitter and her ability to get on base. Hitting is always easier when there are people on base for me to drive in."

Schurman and Uthe have been the source of a majority of Northwest's power this season.

Schurman leads the team in home runs with eight and Uthe is second with four blasts.

"Home runs are always nice, but they make such a bigger impact when people are getting on base," Anderson said. "We were really aggressive these last couple of games. The more runners we have, the better we are."

The 'Cats return to the road this weekend for a double header against 13th ranked Missouri Western. The games will begin at 3 and 5 p.m. Friday in St. Joseph.

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# Manning looking for a home

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Like most NFL fans throughout the nation, I have spent the last week trying to figure out where former Colts quarterback Peyton Manning will sign, and while no one knows for sure, I know where he should land.

Let's start with the Dolphins. Miami is coming off a 6-10 season with much instability at the quarterback position, but this is not the right fit for the future Hall of Famer. Wide receiver Brandon Marshall is the team's best offensive weapon right now, but besides him, there isn't much. We have seen what Manning can do with pedestrian NFL receivers in Indy, but at this point in his career, I think he wants to be somewhere with proven weapons.

The Broncos are also in the running and would be a great fit for Manning. He would have a great defense to take some pressure off of him. It would be the first time in his career that he would not have to score 35 points to win a game. He has a couple of weapons on the outside with Eric Decker and Demaryius Thomas to go along with a solid running game led by Willis McGahee.

I don't think he will end up in Denver because of where it is located.. Peyton has played in a dome his whole NFL career, and I don't think he wants to spend his December wearing three long-sleeve shirts under his pads. Luckily for Bronco fans, Tebowmania is still alive, and they have a lot more fourth quarters to look forward to.

It's hard to go on Twitter and not see a Chiefs fan drooling over the possibility of having Peyton behind center, which they should be. Manning would have the Killer B's of Breaston, Bowe and Baldwin, giving him the best wide-receiving core that he has ever had. You can even include McCluster out of the backfield and Tony Mo at the tight-end position, giving him a plethora of targets to spread the ball around to. With those receivers and Charles running the ball, that offense would give defenses headaches every week.

As of right now, Manning has not shown any interest in Kansas City, which puzzles me. I cannot think of any reason why he would not want to go to play in front of the craziest fans in the league with talented wide receivers, a solid defense and a running game that he hasn't had since Edge was in his prime. Maybe he is not a believer in Romeo Crennel or is afraid of Ricky Stanzi surpassing him in the depth chart.

I think when all the dust settles you will see Manning in Arizona. I'm from Iowa, so I'm allowed to be a fan of any NFL team I want, and I chose the Cardinals at an early age. This isn't a homer pick at all. Once he got released, I thought there was no way he would want to come to Arizona. They have a shoddy, at best, offensive line and a suspect defense at times.

Then I got to thinking why not go to the desert? He will have a premiere receiver in Larry Fitzgerald, who will make Peyton's transition easy because you literally just have to throw it near him and he will come down with it. If the Cardinals select a wide receiver like Michael Floyd in the draft, they could be a legit receiving tandem.

Arizona is warm, has a dome, has been to a Super Bowl recently and people go there when they get old. You also have to look at Kurt Warner. Warner was finished and was struggling to stay on an NFL roster. He paired up with Fitzgerald and the boys and went to a Super Bowl. While the roster is much different from what I refer to as the golden days, there are still pieces of talent there that Manning would be able to mold into a red and white winning machine.